

## LEADING QUESTIONS

### Handout 1

1. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You have been appointed as the squadron first sergeant. What procedure and command must you use to form the squadron?

A: The first sergeant will post himself nine paces in front of the point where the center of the unit is to be and command, **FALL IN**.

2. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You are the flight sergeant for "A" flight. What are you required to do upon the command **FALL IN**?

A: I will take my position three paces in front of the position I want the flight to form and facing the flight.

3. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You are the flight sergeant for "B" flight. After the flight is formed, what command do you issue?

A: The command is **REPORT**.

4. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You are the leader of the first element, "B" flight. You have received the command **REPORT**. What are your to do and say?

A: As an element leader I will salute the flight sergeant and report, "First element, all present" or "First element, (number) absent." The flight sergeant will return my salute.

5. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As the "A" flight sergeant, what must you do once you have received the reports from your element leaders?

A: I will face about and wait for the first sergeant to request my report.

6. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. Being the first sergeant, how do you initiate the reporting procedure from the flights?

A: I will command **REPORT** and each flight sergeant will salute, in turn, starting with "A" flight, and give his report. Upon completion of each report, I will return the flight sergeant's salute.

7. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As the flight sergeant of "B" flight, what is said between you and the first sergeant?

A: I will report "B flight, all present or accounted for" or "B flight, (number) absent."

8. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As guide for the "B" flight, do you have a responsibility to set the interval between your flight and "A" flight?

A: Yes.

What is that interval?

A: The interval between me and the last person in "A" flight is three paces.

9. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. In your capacity as first sergeant, how do you cause the flight sergeants to take their posts in the flight?

A: I will command **POST**.

And what do the flight sergeants do?

A: They face about and take their positions in the flight on line with the last man of the last element in their flight.

10. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As the squadron commander, what is your position, relative to the first sergeant after he has given the command **POST**?

A: I will take my position 12 paces in front of and centered on the squadron. This will place me three paces in front of the first sergeant when he faces me.

11. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. Again, as first sergeant, what do you do to finish the reporting procedure?

A: Facing the squadron commander, I salute and report, "Sir (Ma'am), all present or accounted for" or "(Number) absent." The squadron commander will return my salute. After that I will face about and proceed to my position in ranks.

12. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You are the guidon bearer. What is your position relative to the squadron commander while he is facing the unit and what direction do you face?

A: I am one pace in front of and two paces to his right. I will be facing in the same direction as squadron members.

13. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As a flight commander, when do you take your position in front of the flight and at what distance?

A: I take my command position while the first sergeant is moving to his position in ranks. My position is six paces in front of and centered on my flight, facing front.

14. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. As squadron commander, how would you cause the unit to be properly aligned?

A: I would command **DRESS FLIGHTS TO THE RIGHT**.

15. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. You are the "A" flight commander. What do you do after this command is given?

A: I face the flight and command, **Dress Right, DRESS**. I will then align the flight as prescribed in Chapter 4 of the *Drill and Ceremonies Manual*. After it has been properly aligned, I will take my command position in front of the flight.

16. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. What commands are given and by whom to face the squadron to the right?

A: The squadron commander issues the preparatory command, **Right**, and the flight commanders will echo this command. On the command of execution, **FACE**, given by the squadron commander, personnel of the unit will execute the movement. The flight commanders and guides will take their in column positions in front of the flights, unless told not to do so.

17. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. What commands are required to start an inspection of the squadron?

A: The squadron commander commands, **PREPARE FOR INSPECTION**. The flight commanders face their flights and, in turn, command **Open Ranks, MARCH**. After the flight commanders have aligned their units and given the command **Ready, FRONT**, and **Parade, REST**, they will post in front of their respective guides.

18. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. Who is the first person to be inspected by the squadron commander?

A: The guidon bearer.

19. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. Where is the squadron commander when he receives the report from a flight commander that the flight is ready for inspection?

A: Three paces in front of and facing the flight commander.

20. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. Is the first sergeant required to accompany the squadron commander during the inspection?

A: Only if the commander so directs.

21. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. After the squadron commander inspects a flight and has reviewed the results with the flight commander, what does the flight commander do?

A: He faces down line and causes the flight to close ranks and places them at parade rest, at ease, or rest positions. He then takes his normal command position in front of the flight and assumes the same position.

22. Cadet \_\_\_\_\_. What is the normal procedure to dismiss the squadron?

A: Normally, the squadron commander will command the first sergeant to come front and center. He will then instruct the first sergeant to dismiss the squadron. At this time, the flight commanders and guidon bearer will fall out. The first sergeant has the option of commanding **FALL OUT** or instructing the flight sergeants, who have taken their position in front of the flights, **DISMISS YOUR FLIGHTS**. The flight sergeants will face their flights and command **DISMISSED**. All personnel break ranks and leave the area.